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UM HOLDS MEMORIAL CONVOCATION FOR FRED SHAFIZADEH

Fred Shafizadeh, University of Montana chemistry professor and internationally known researcher, will be memorialized at a convocation in the University Center Mount Sentinel Room Friday, Nov. 18, at 3 p.m.

Professor Shafizadeh headed the wood chemistry laboratory at UM from the time it was established in 1966 until his death Oct. 1, 1983, at the age of 59.

A resolution adopted by the Montana Board of Regents Oct. 1 calls the present stature of the laboratory "a memorial to the talents and dedication he (Shafizadeh) devoted to its development."

The resolution notes that Shafizadeh's research addressed problems of economic importance to the forest industries of the state.

In 1980, Shafizadeh received the first Distinguished Scholar Award given by UM.

Speakers and their topics at the memorial convocation, which is open to the public, are Arnold J. Silverman, chairman of the UM geology department, who will talk about Shafizadeh as teacher, colleague and scientist, and Gary D. McGinnis, professor of wood science and technology at Mississippi State University, who will treat Shafizadeh's contributions to his profession.

Raymond Murray, associate vice president for research and dean of the graduate school at UM, will introduce the speakers.

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